

Appl. No.

Amtd. dated November 19, 2004

Response to Notice of Allowance September 23, 2004

PATENTREMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 76-81 are pending and have been allowed.

Applicant submits this section 312 amendment and a corrected application data sheet (ADS) to correct the priority claim in the present application. The priority claim incorrectly states this is a continuation-in-part application, when it is a continuation application. Applicant respectfully requests the examiner approve entry of this amendment.

Applicant has reviewed the specification of the parent application number 09/119,493 and the present application and believes no new matter is presented in the present application. Further, the claims of the present application are fully supported by the specification of the parent application. Therefore, the present application is a continuation application, not a continuation-in-part application.

Applicant also notes that when the application was filed on November 11, 2000, a proper priority statement (as a continuation application) was made in the application transmittal form that accompanied the application. During prosecution of this application, two amendments were made to amend the priority claim, both of which were incorrect and also contain typographical errors. Thus, after entry of this amendment, the priority claim will be in agreement with the application transmittal as filed with the application and also the typographical errors will be corrected.

Because the present application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) before November 29, 2000, the present application meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii)(B). Thus, applicant believes no petition is required to correct the priority claim.

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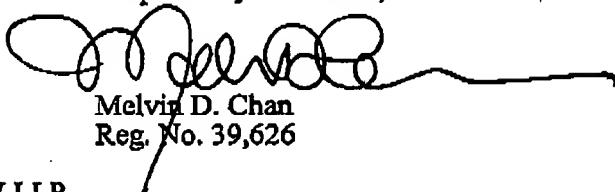
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PATENT**CONCLUSION**

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures an error in the priority claim and does not touch the merits.

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